

## **Minutes of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission**

(A CD/DVD of the full proceedings is on file in the Planning and Development Department)

**January 24, 2020**

Meeting held in  
Council Chambers, Public Level, City Hall Annex  
2:00 p.m.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. with a quorum present.

Minnette Bickel Boesel, Chair

David Bucek, Vice Chair                      Absent

Jose Aranda, Jr.                                  Absent

Steven Curry

Ann Collum    Absent

John Cosgrove

Beth Wiedower Jackson                      Left at 4:32 p.m. during item 15

Ashley Elizabeth Jones                      Absent

Ben Koush

Stephen McNiel                                  Absent

Urmila Srinivasan

Charles Stava

Dominic Yap

### **EXOFFICIO MEMBERS**

Samantha Bruer, Architectural Archivist, Houston Metropolitan Research Center

Marta Crinejo, Mayor's Liaison

### **Executive Secretary**

Margaret Wallace Brown, Director, Planning and Development

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

**NONE**

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Nicole Smothers, Deputy Assistant Director, announced good news about several pregnancies. She introduced new Historic Planner Amanda Coleman. The Historic Preservation Appeals Board met January 13 on two items. They voted to reverse the decision of the HAHC and allow for the demolition of the structure at 605 Columbia, and they upheld the decision of the HAHC and denied the application for removing of all the siding at 717 Harvard. The Department is reviewing bid proposals for an inventory around Independence Heights. Preservation Texas is holding a Cultural Landscapes Symposium in Waco in February.

### **MAYOR'S LIAISON REPORT**

**NONE**

## **APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 18, 2019 HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION (HAHC) MEETING MINUTES**

Commission action: Approved the December 18, 2019 Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission (HAHC) meeting minutes.

Motion: **Wiedower Jackson** Second: **Cosgrove** Vote: **Carried** Abstaining: **Yap**

### **A. CONSIDERATION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS**

Motion made by Commissioner Curry, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, to consider items **A-4, A-5, A-8, A-12 and A-13** together. Motion carried unanimously.

**A-4. 1111 W Melwood Street - New Construction - Garage - Norhill - Approval**

**A-5. 1111 W Melwood Street - Demolition - Garage - Norhill - Approval**

**A-8. 1112 Ashland Street - Alteration - Addition - Houston Heights West - Approval**

**A-12. 922 Columbia Street - Alteration - Addition - Houston Heights South - Approval**

**A 13. 443 Columbia Street - Alteration - Addition - Houston Heights South - Approval**

Motion made by Commissioner Yap, seconded by Commissioner Srinivasan, to accept staff recommendations for items **A-4, A-5, A-8, A-12 and A-13** together. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **A-1. 610 Marshall Street - Alteration - Addition - Audubon Place**

Motion was made by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-1, Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Srinivasan, that a Certificate of Remediation be issued to (1) replace the single fixed window on the east (side) elevation immediately prior to the addition bump out with a 1/1 window of the same fenestration, height and size as the three windows to its left (2) replace the four fixed contemporary windows on the east (side) of the addition with a bank of three windows of a similar trim pattern to the three windows to its left, and be placed in their original location as they were prior to the addition, subject to staff's approval and (3) pay an investigative fee of \$294.43 or the doubling of the regular permit fee, whichever is greater. Motion carried with Commissioner Koush opposing. Speaker: Catherine Santos, applicant – supportive.

#### **A-2. 1716 Lubbock Street - Restoration - Residence - Old Sixth Ward**

Motion was made by Commissioner Koush, seconded by Commissioner Srinivasan, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-2 with the condition that the detailing everywhere to be diminished (on porch, box bay window, addition, trim and hipped roof) on the addition, and with staff's approval of the final design. Motion carried with Commissioner Cosgrove and Stava opposing and Commissioner Yap abstaining.

Speakers: Andoni Vossos, owner/applicant, Ben Nguyen, Karen Brasier, Anthony Harnden, Peter Vossos, Suede Delcastlio and Lee Roderes– supportive; Adrian Melendez and Dominic Yap - opposed.



**A-3. 1127 Fugate Street - Alteration - Addition - Norhill**

Motion was made by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Srinivasan, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-3. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Laura Carrera, applicant – supportive.

**A-6. 2232 Looscan Lane - Demolition - Residence - LM - C.B. & Roberta Delhomme House**

Motion was made by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-6. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Saneea Sakhyani – opposed; Bradley Smith, representing the owner – supportive.

**A-7. 1800 Texas Street - Relocation - Residence - PLM - Arthur B. Cohn House**

Motion was made by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-7. Motion carried unanimously.

**A-9. 702 Cortlandt Street - Alteration - Addition - Houston Heights South**

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Srinivasan, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-9. Motion carried unanimously.

**A-10. 107 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street - Renewal - Garage/Residence - Houston Heights South**

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Stava, to defer the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-10 to allow staff more time to review the proposal under the updated Heights Design Guidelines. Motion carried unanimously.

**A-11. 922 Columbia Street - Alteration - Addition - Houston Heights South**

Motion was made by Commissioner Srinivasan, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-11. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Jennifer Ray, owner, Russell Scoles and Sam Gianukos, applicant – supportive.

**A-14. 7735 Morley Street - Alteration - Windows - Glenbrook Valley**

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Wiedower Jackson, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-14. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Curry, seconded by Commissioner Yap, that a Certificate of Remediation be issued for the work as completed with a permitting fee subject to the 2020 Building Code Enforcement Permit Fee Schedule allowing for an investigative fee of \$294.43 or the doubling of the regular permit fee, whichever is greater. Motion carried unanimously.

Speaker: Guadalupe Mendoza, owner – supportive.

**A-15. 7880 Pecan Villas Drive - Alteration - Windows - Glenbrook Valley**

Motion was made by Commissioner Koush, seconded by Commissioner Cosgrove, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-15. Motion carried with Commissioner Yap opposing.

Speakers: Johnny Foster, owner/applicant and Kevin McBryde – supportive.

**A-16. 3912 Bute Street - Alteration - Canopy - First Montrose Commons**

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Yap, to deny the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-16. Motion carried unanimously.

Speakers: Lara Attayi, owner/applicant – supportive; Stephen Longmire – opposed.

**A-17. 717 Harvard Street - Alteration - Siding - Houston Heights South**

Motion was made by Commissioner Cosgrove, seconded by Commissioner Curry, to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for item A-17. Motion carried with Commissioner Stava and Commissioner Yap opposing.

Speakers: Mehul Patel, owner and Tom Hickman, applicant – supportive.

**B. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Stephen Longmire commented about the First Montrose Commons redlines, and the fees and signs for Historic Districts.

**C. COMMENTS FROM THE HAHC**

Commissioner Koush spoke about the interpretation of the ordinance and updated flood maps. Commissioner Yap made comments about restorations and getting a list of landmark properties with tax benefits for those properties being demolished.

Commissioner Cosgrove asked about going on another field trip through the Historic Districts and asked about new restrictions regarding alley ways in the Heights.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business brought before the Commission, Chair Minnette Bickel Boesel adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.



**Minnette Bickel Boesel**  
Chair



**Nicole Smothers**  
Executive Secretary